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REPORTS CZECHOSLOVAK URANIUM EXPLOITATION CEDED TO USSR

Paris (Agence France Presse) -- A secret agreement between Czechoslovakia and the USSR was recently concluded, according to Rehak, Secretary-General of the Council of Free Czechoslovakia. The agreement allegedly contains the following two provisions:

- 1. The exploitation of all uranium deposits in Czechoslovakia is to be ceded to the USSR. The regions involved are to be placed under Soviet administration of an extraterritorial character. The personnel now employed is placed under orders of the Soviet administration, which is authorized to send employees even to the Soviet Union.
- 2. A strip of territory, several dozens of kilometers long and an average of 4 kilometers vide, along the Czechoslovak-German frontier, will be ceded to the German People's Republic. This territory lies south of the Saxon uranium deposits already being exploited by the USSR.

The agreement provides for compensation to Czechoslovakia. A special commission was designated to lay out the new frontier.

Rehak remarked that the Czechoslovak uranium deposits had already been exploited exclusively for the benefit of the USSR, but the mine administration has been Czechoslovak. He asserted that this constitutes a Soviet dictate to one of its satellites.

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